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HONORARY PALL BEARERS

St. Luke Methodist Church Members
Scarboro Grove MB Church Deacons
Socialites Club Members

ACTIVE PALL BEARERS

Nephews and Great-Nephews

FLOWER BEARERS

Nieces and Great-Nieces



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!*

REPAST

The family will receive friends at the
Metter Community Center
435 North Rountree Street
following interment.

Whitaker Funeral Home
25 North Kennedy Street
Metter, GA 30439

Honoring Her Life



Mrs. Alma Mercer Donaldson

January 26, 1913 - September 5, 2012

*For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are
not worthy to be compared with the glory
which shall be revealed in us.*

Romans 8:18

**99 YEARS OF
LIFE CELEBRATION**

Saturday, September 8, 2012 - 11:00 A.M.

I've Gone to Live with Jesus

Valerie Bauer Rousseau

I've gone to live with Jesus...
in the mansion he's prepared.
No longer will I struggle,
with earthly worries and cares.

Don't be sad I've left you...
to go to live with him.
Give thanks and glory to our Lord,
for dying for our sins.

On earth I was just visiting...
'till my mission here was through.
Thank God for all the times we shared,
and all the joy we knew.

Thank Jesus for the tears and pain...
for in suffering, then we see.
How great the sacrifice he made,
to die for you and me.

Please focus on the blessings,
God gave me while on earth.
And for his greatest gift to all...
Our Savior's miracle birth.

And now I'll live forever...
For his great sacrifice.
His death and resurrection...
gives us eternal life.

*We are confident, I say, and willing
rather to be absent from the body,
and to be present with the Lord.
2 Corinthians 5:8*

OBITUARY

Mrs. Alma Carrie Lee Mercer Donaldson was born to the late Mr. Henry Manson and Mrs. Idella Miller Mercer on January 26, 1913 in Bulloch County, Georgia. Alma was the fifth of eleven children. On Wednesday September 5, 2012, she succumbed to this life at her residence in Metter surrounded by friends and loved ones.

Alma was educated in the schools of Candler County, having graduated from Candler County Training School in 1932. She was a very studious young woman, who loved to learn and share her knowledge with others. Alma had the distinction of being the last surviving member of her graduating class.

Alma accepted Christ as her personal savior at an early age. She joined the St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church, where she was christened and reared in her spiritual journey. She served as a trustee and member of the hospitality committee until her health failed. At the time of her demise, Alma was the oldest member of the church and looked upon by many as a church mother.

In 1935, Alma Mercer married her life partner, Deacon Dolven Donaldson in Bulloch County. The Donaldsons lived on a quaint farm in Portal where they reared three sons. Alma worked alongside her husband on the farm, while also assisting many families in the community in a domestic capacity.

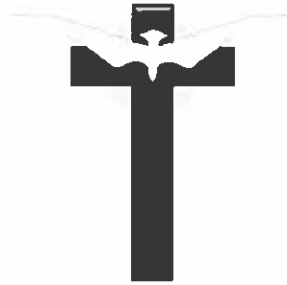
Much can be said about Alma. She was a surrogate mother to many children, who ruled with a stern yet loving approach. She loved her church and her family. She was a founding member of the Socialite Club of Bulloch County. In her spare time, Alma enjoyed watching the Atlanta Braves, working crossword puzzles, and reading. Her family crowned her "Queen of Sweet Potato Pies", as no one could quite bake them like Aunt Alma. She had such a sweet spirit!

Alma was preceded in death by her husband Deacon Dolven Donaldson and two sons, Mr. Thomas Love and Mr. John Carter. She leaves to cherish her memories, one son, Mr. Lonnie Donaldson of Columbia, SC; a devoted sister, Mrs. Thelma Byrd of Metter, GA; two daughters -in-law Mrs. Christine Love of Orlando, FL and Mrs. Dorethia Carter of Decatur, GA; a sister-in-law Mrs. Lowvaita Ford of Naples, FL; a god-daughter Mrs. Hazel L. Allen (Charlie); nine grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and many friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?

Thomas Shepherd



Must Jesus bear the cross alone,
And all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for everyone,
And there's a cross for me.

The consecrated cross I'll bear
Till death shall set me free;
And then go home my crown to wear,
For there's a crown for me.

Upon the crystal pavement down
At Jesus' pierced feet,
Joyful I'll cast my golden crown
And His dear Name repeat.

O precious cross! O glorious crown!
O resurrection day!
When Christ the Lord from heav'n comes down
And bears my soul away.

Piano Prelude

Processional

Viewing

Presiding Rev. Bennie Brinson

Prayer Elder James Johnson

Hymn of Comfort Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?

Scripture Reading:

OLD TESTAMENT Elder Tommy Mercer

NEW TESTAMENT Rev. Beverly Jordan

Tribute Ms. Virginia M. Parham

Reflections Mrs. Hazel L. Allen

Dr. Alvin Jackson

Obituary Silently Read

Acknowledgements Whitaker Funeral Home Staff

Selection Mrs. Faye B. West

Words of Comfort Rev. Dr. Kenneth A. Jordan

Benediction

Recessional

INTERMENT

Scarboro Grove Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
21 Pecan Grove Road ~ Portal, GA 30450

Order
of
Service

God Knows Best

Helen Steiner Rice

Our Father knows what's best for us,
So why should we complain--
We always want the sunshine,
But He knows there must be rain--

We love the sound of laughter
And the merriment of cheer,
But our hearts would lose their tenderness
If we never shed a tear...

Our Father tests us often
With suffering and with sorrow,
He tests us, not to punish us,
But to help us meet tomorrow...

For growing trees are strengthened
When they withstand the storm,
And the sharp cut of a chisel
Gives the marble grace and form...

God never hurts us needlessly,
And He never wastes our pain
For every loss He send to us
Is followed by rich gain...

And when we count the blessings
That God has so freely sent,
We will find no cause for murmuring
And no time to lament...

For our Father loves His children,
And to Him all things are plain,
So He never sends us pleasure
When the soul's deep need is pain...

So whenever we are troubled,
And when everything goes wrong,
It is just God working in us
To make our spirit strong



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